

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 9:00 A.M.
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Jim Ton, Chair
- II. Presentation on the Making of “Shifting Sands: On the Path to Sustainability”, a Documentary Film by Patricia Wisniewski
- III. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2016 Executive Board Meeting Pages 1-4
- IV. Report of the Chair – Jim Ton
- V. Report of the Executive Director – Ty Warner
- VI. Environmental Management Policy Committee – Geof Benson Pages 5-8
 - a) Public Comment Report - Deep River and Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Restoration and Management Plan Pages 5-6
 - b) Resolution 16-10, Deep River and Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Restoration and Management Plan Pages 7-8
- VII. Transportation Policy Committee – Dave Decker Pages 9-22
 - a) Cooperative Agreement with Chicago Metropolitan Agency For Planning (CMAP) Pages 9-11
 - b) Cooperative Agreement with Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) Pages 12-13
 - c) Public Comment Report – FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments #18 and #19 Page 14
 - d) Resolution 16-11, FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18 for Highway Projects Pages 15-18
 - e) Resolution 16-12, FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #19 for Transit Projects Pages 19-22
- VIII. INDOT, Rick Powers, La Porte District Director
- IX. Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

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NIRPC Executive Board Meeting
Construction Advancement Foundation Training Center
6050 Southport Road, Portage, IN
March 17, 2016
Minutes

Chairman Jim Ton called the meeting of the Executive Board to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Board members present included Geof Benson, Kevin Breitzke, Anthony Copeland, Dave Decker, Michael Griffin, Tom McDermott, Diane Noll, Greg Stinson and Jim Ton.

Other Commissioners present included Kyle W. Allen, Sr., Toni Biancardi, Bob Carnahan, Will Farrellbegg, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Richard Hardaway, Roger Miller, Tom Schmitt, Dave Shafer and George Topoll.

Guests present included Dave Hollenbeck, Justin Mount, Mike Noland, John Parsons, Matt Deitchley, Val Gomez, Nancy Adams, Jeff Huet, Rick Powers, David Wright, Dewey Lemley, Paul Panther, Joe Crnkovich, Jill Murr, Julia Surber, Carole Carlson and Andrew Steele.

Staff present included Ty Warner, Steve Strains, Angie Hayes, Kathy Luther, Eman Ibrahim, Gary Evers, Belinda Petroskey, Sarah Geinosky, Stephen Sostaric and Mary Thorne.

Approval of Minutes: Kevin Breitzke asked that the minutes be amended to show a motion by a Commissioner, which was omitted at the 4th bullet point on page 4. On a motion by Tom McDermott and a second by Michael Griffin the minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting of the full Commission were approved as amended by a voice vote.

Report of the Chair: Jim Ton said the Commissioners have received an electronic transmission asking to respond to the committee assignments they would like to have and asked that they provide their choices as soon as possible by clicking on the link in the email so that the new committees can get underway.

Report of the Executive Director: Ty Warner reported that copies of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion will be available at the next meeting. He thanked Construction Advancement Foundation's Dewey Pearman for allowing NIRPC to use the facilities for its meetings while their office was undergoing remodeling. NIRPC's meeting rooms have all been renamed. NIRPC's auditorium is now called the Lake Michigan Room and should be available for the meeting next month.

Finance & Personnel Committee:

Diane Noll, Treasurer, reported that the committee met this morning. Items were reviewed and approved. One item was presented for approval today, which is the contract between NIRPC and the Kankakee River Basin Commission (KRBC). There were no changes from the 2015 agreement. The agreement between NIRPC and KRBC was approved by the Executive Board on a motion by Kevin Breitzke, seconded by Greg Stinson.

Environmental Management Policy Committee:

Geof Benson reported that the minutes of the February 4 meeting were in the packet. The 30-day Public Comment Period on the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Management Plan runs from March 3 through April 2. The communities in the watershed were named. The watershed management plan is a policy planning implementation recommendation for a multi-jurisdictional area. It is not enforcement or regulatory. The planners, stakeholders, engineers and stormwater managers should be aware of it. It follows the format of the most current IDEM Watershed Management Planning Checklist and focuses on the resource intensive watershed inventory elements that provide a snapshot of current watershed conditions. The EMPC will ask for adoption of the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Plan report at the Board meeting next month.

Transportation Policy Committee:

Dave Decker reported that the Transportation Policy Committee met on March 15th. The Committee heard a presentation from the Indiana Toll Road operator about their 80/90 PUSH project, a planned 73-mile rehabilitation of the Toll Road from Lake Station to Elkhart. The \$200 million project is scheduled to start in April, and finish by December of 2017. For more information please visit <http://www.ezpassin.com/road-construction/8090-push/>.

There is one action for consideration, Resolution 16-09, the 16th Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. Reporting for Gary Evers, Belinda Petroskey described the proposed amendment which consists of installation by INDOT of train-activated gates at various highway rail crossing locations on the NICTD line in Porter and LaPorte Counties and replacement buses for Michigan City. On a motion by Dave Decker and a second by Kevin Breitzke, the Executive Board voted to approve Resolution 16-09 Amendment 16 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

Dave Decker said the Committee also took action on a number of products related to an amendment of NIRPC's 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update Companion for I-65 added travel lanes between US 30 and SR 10. These included recommended approvals for the Air Quality Determination, Environmental Justice Analysis and Congestion Management Process. Each of these products will be before the NIRPC Commission at the May meeting, along with approvals pertaining to the plan update. Ahead of this will be a 30-day public comment period, which Stephen Sostaric said will run from March 16 to April 15 for the I-65 added travel lanes between US 30 and SR 10.

Dave Decker said the next meeting date of the Transportation Policy Committee will be Tuesday, April 12 at a location to be determined.

Indiana Department of Transportation:

Rick Powers said his staff will be working on potholes and beginning to transition from their winter work plan throughout the District. A downed guardrail will be repaired. SR 41 will be resurfaced this summer from north of US 30 to SR 231. Flashing yellow light placement is subject to traffic studies. SR 49 will be repaired this year.

In answer to concerns raised by Roger Miller, Matt Deitchley said a lot of the problems on U.S. 20 at Renaissance Academy in LaPorte, as in other areas of the state, are due to driver error or inattention. INDOT met this week with officials from the Renaissance Academy and officers from LaPorte County Sheriff's Department to discuss safety near the school, located on U.S. 20 between U.S. 35 and State Road 39. Improved safety features will be implemented in the coming weeks, in addition to an expedited center turn lane project which was originally planned for construction in 2018. A center turn lane project was added to INDOT's project schedule back in 2013, with construction now planned for 2017, which is the soonest possible time frame. A project of this nature takes several years to bring to completion from initial design, due to property acquisition, utility relocation, federal regulations and many other factors.

In the interim, before the turn lane project, several safety measures will be implemented in the coming weeks including additional "School Ahead" signage, right lane only for trucks, large "SCHOOL" pavement markings, and timing will be adjusted on the current school zone flashing light signage to better alert drivers of busy school drop off/pick up hours.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Jim Ton said no requests were received and closed the comment portion.

Presentation:

Update: Mike Noland reported that the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is working on stations and parking locations for the West Lake expansion from Munster to Dyer as well as progressing on the double tracking project. WI-FI is now available on almost all of the trains. NICTD has offered free westbound rides this week on the South Shore to attract new riders. Friday is the final day.

Presentation: The South Shore commuter rail line's bikes-on-trains pilot program is set to start April 2 and continue on weekends through the end of October. The service will be available at high-level platforms that allow level entry and exit. Low-level platforms, requiring use of a narrow staircase to enter and exit cars, won't accommodate bikes, for safety reasons. Stations with high-level platforms are South Bend, Dune Park, East Chicago, Hammond and all Illinois stations. Once the double-tracking project is complete, its other stations will be bike-ready. NICTD has removed half the seats from three South Shore cars allowing for 26 bikes and they removed one quarter of the seats from four other cars, allowing for 14 bikes. The total number of spots available for bikes on all trains through the course of the summer will be 130,000. NICTD believes this program will be very successful, and believes it will be able to meet the demand, but demand levels can't be predicted. All standard bicycles will fit the racks, not tricycles, tandem or recumbent. If successful, NICTD is ready to expand the service. The bike service will not be available on weekends of special events in Chicago, including the Blues Festival,

Taste of Chicago, Air and Water Show, and Lollapalooza. NICTD would like to explore bike trail connections and expand bike-related opportunities by locating a Divvy-type bike rental service at stations, with bike rental racks at nearby locations that could help draw visitors. Tom McDermott Jr. said Hammond officials are considering a bike rental program. Go to www.nictd.com for more information.

Announcements:

Bob Carnahan announced the Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce will present a business and organization showcase on Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hearing no other business, on a motion by Anthony Copeland and a second by Dave Decker. Jim Ton adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Mary Thorne at the phone or email below should you wish to receive a copy of it. DVD recordings will be available once they are received by NIRPC from the videographer.

For requests for alternate formats, please contact Mary Thorne at NIRPC at (219) 763-6060 extension 131 or at mthorne@nirpc.org. Individuals with hearing impairments may contact us through the Indiana Relay 711 service by calling 711 or (800) 743-3333.

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Public Comment Report

Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Management Plan

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) held a 30-day public comment period on the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Management Plan. The comment period began on March 3, 2016 and ended April 1, 2016. There was no public meeting required as part of this comment period.

The plan was made available at www.nirpc.org, and stakeholders were made aware via email and a news release. The public was able to comment via email, telephone, and regular mail.

One comment was received during the comment period, but was not considered significant.

Comment	Manner Considered by Staff	Significant?	Need to Modify?
<i>Comment Received via Email</i>			
<p>Since I helped Joe prepare the invasive species section, I have since learned that the reports of ALB in Valparaiso were verified to NOT be ALB, and therefore I would recommend removing this paragraph:</p> <p>While there have been no documented sightings of ALB in our watershed, two reports of this species have been documented in nearby Valparaiso, and one has been documented just over the state line in Lansing, IL.</p> <p>I'm not certain about the Lansing report either, so just take this out. Nevertheless, people should still be vigilant about monitoring for and reporting any suspected ALB infestations to IDNR's Department of Etymology.</p>	<p>NIRPC appreciates the comment, and the requested edit has been made.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Nothing beyond editing for accuracy.</p>

RESOLUTION 16-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE DEEP RIVER-PORTAGE BURNS WATERWAY WATERSHED RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission(NIRPC) is the designated Council of Governments and the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC is the designated Section 208 Water Quality Management Planning Agency for Northwest Indiana under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, transportation, land use, and water quality and quantity are inextricably linked by the hydrologic cycle; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan has identified watershed management as a significant implementation strategy to protect and restore our region's aquatic resources; and

WHEREAS, a watershed approach provides a flexible framework for managing water resource quality and quantity within specific drainage areas; and

WHEREAS, successful watershed planning processes work by using a series of cooperative, iterative steps to characterize existing conditions, identify and prioritize problems, define management objectives, develop protection or restoration strategies, and implement selected actions as necessary; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2012 the NIRPC Commission approved Resolution 12-13 requesting the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to support the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Initiative through data collection and development of the Total Maximum Daily Load document for the watershed; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 NIRPC applied for and received a Section 319 Watershed Grant in the amount of \$455,550 from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, funded through the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC entered into a Grant Agreement in September 2013 for the purposes of developing and implementing a Watershed Management Plan for the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway; and

WHEREAS, the document has been designed to meet the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Watershed Management Plan Checklist of comprehensive requirements necessary for an approvable Watershed Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC staff has engaged with local government officials, state, and federal officials, stakeholders, and the general public throughout the development of the plan consistent with the above referenced; and

WHEREAS, the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Restoration and Management Plan has been released for a 30-day public comment period per the requirements of the 2014 Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC will further be engaging with local government, state, and federal officials, and stakeholders to develop eligibility criteria for projects and programs to be funded under the implementation portion of the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts *The Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Watershed Restoration and Management Plan* and authorizes its dissemination, use by the local governments, businesses, industries, watershed groups, and citizens of the region.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-first day of April, 2016.

James G. Ton
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Geof R. Benson
Secretary

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Illinois Department of Transportation
Indiana Department of Transportation

**Cooperative Agreement for Coordination of Land Use-Transportation Planning in
the Chicago/Gary/Lake County, IL-IN Urbanized Area**

This Cooperative Agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2016, by and among the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Whereas, CMAP and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee carry out a continuous, cooperative and comprehensive planning program for Northeastern Illinois and the MPO Policy Committee is designated by the Governor and Northeastern Illinois officials as being responsible, together with IDOT, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S. Code 134 and 49 U.S. Code 5303-06 for seven counties in Northeastern Illinois and parts of Grundy and DeKalb Counties; and

Whereas, NIRPC, a governmental body created pursuant to the provisions of Indiana Code Title 36, Article VII, Chapter 7 of the *Indiana Statutes*, carries out a comprehensive and cooperative areawide land use-transportation planning process, and is the MPO for Northwestern Indiana as designated by the Governor and Northwestern Indiana officials as being responsible, together with INDOT, for carrying out the provision of 23 U.S. Code 134 and 49 U.S. Code 5303-06 for three counties in Northwestern Indiana; and

Whereas, CMAP, NIRPC, IDOT and INDOT actively coordinate land use and transportation planning along the border between the States of Illinois and Indiana in their respective jurisdictions; and

Whereas, CMAP, NIRPC, IDOT and INDOT coordinate planning activities and carry out such activities cooperatively so that principal metropolitan area planning products reflect consistency with best practices and with broader bi-state goals; and

Whereas, the U.S. Bureau of the Census has identified a bi-state urbanized area of over 200,000 population that incorporates portions of the existing planning jurisdictions of CMAP and NIRPC, and has identified such area as the "Chicago, IL-IN Urbanized Area" (Chicago Area); and

Whereas, Will and Cook Counties are included in the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Area for the purpose of achieving coordinated land use, transportation and air quality management planning in the State of Illinois; and

Whereas, portions of Lake and Porter Counties are included in the Northwest Indiana Metropolitan Planning Area for purposes of achieving coordinated land use, transportation and air quality management planning in the State of Indiana; and

Whereas, as a practical matter, the existing planning processes in both Illinois and Indiana are fully adequate to meet all the Federal planning requirements that may attach to the Chicago Area as a result of the designation of that Area as one having more than 200,000 population following the 2010 decennial Census.

Now, therefore, in consideration of these premises and of their mutual and dependent needs, the parties hereto contract and agree as follow:

First: That CMAP, NIRPC, IDOT and INDOT hereby agree to continue to actively coordinate planning activities and end products, including annual work programs, transportation plans and transportation improvement programs, transportation performance data, including monitoring and selecting of targets, and National Highway System asset management planning for their respective planning jurisdictions, thereby fully meeting the Federal planning requirements that attach to the Chicago Area, given its status as an urbanized area of over 200,000 population. The agencies shall coordinate establishing for their respective planning jurisdictions MPO performance measure targets in accordance with Federal performance measure requirements. This coordination will be achieved by periodic meetings of the Executive Directors of each regional planning agency, and subsequent interagency staff meetings as called for by the Executive Directors. In addition, each agency shall have a representative on the other agency's transportation committee. The agencies shall also share their draft and final overall work programs and transportation improvement programs, and reporting of transportation performance data, including the monitoring of targets.

Second : That CMAP, NIRPC, IDOT and INDOT hereby agree to take appropriate steps within the Illinois and Indiana portions of the Chicago area, respectively, to ensure — through the transportation improvement programming processes — the fair and appropriate distribution of any Federal transportation funds for highways and transit that may be sub-allocated to the Illinois and Indiana portions of the Chicago Area, and to keep each other informed as to the disposition and use of such funds within the Chicago Area. With regard to the Federal Transit Administration funds allocated to the Northwest Indiana urbanized area, the funds will be allocated to the Illinois and Northwest Indiana areas as per the Letter of Understanding between the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and NIRPC. The funds will be so allocated to the RTA as the transit funding agency for the Chicago metropolitan area in Illinois and to NIRPC as the MPO for the Northwest Indiana urbanized area. The allocation of funds between Illinois and Indiana shall annually be agreed upon by the RTA and NIRPC, and endorsed by CMAP. In the event the funds are not used in the Indiana area within the federally allotted time frame, the funds will be reallocated to the RTA for use in the Illinois area within six months of the lapse date.

Third: That CMAP, NIRPC, IDOT and INDOT hereby agree to provide notification to each other of any planning and related events and activities that may have significant bearing upon the outcome of land use and transportation system development with the Chicago Area.

Fourth: That CMAP, NIRPC, IDOT and INDOT hereby agree to resolve conflicts that may arise by decision of a committee consisting of the Executive Director

of CMAP, the Executive Director of NIRPC, the District Engineer of IDOT District 1 and the La Porte District Deputy Director of INDOT.

In Witness whereof, the hereto have caused this agreement to be executed by their proper officers and representatives.




Aaron Lawlor
Vice Chairman, CMAP MPO Policy Committee

3-16-16

Date

Jim Ton
Chairman, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Date



Randy Blankenhorn
Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation

Date

Brandye Hendrickson
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation

Date

**A COOPERATIVE ACCORD FOR COORDINATION OF LAND USE AND
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE MICHIGAN PORTION OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY, IN-MI URBANIZED AREA BETWEEN THE**

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AND THE
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION**

This Cooperative Agreement is made by and among the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "NIRPC", and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "SWMPC."

WHEREAS, NIRPC and SWMPC actively coordinate land use and transportation planning and transportation project development along the border between the States of Indiana and Michigan in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC and SWMPC coordinate planning activities and carry out such activities cooperatively so that principal metropolitan area planning products reflect consistency with best practices and with broader bi-state goals; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan City, IN-MI urbanized area (UZA) established by Census 2010 extends into Berrien County, Michigan along Lake Michigan and must be serviced by a metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The Michigan portion of the UZA is 0.89 square miles with a population of 1,195 (Census 2010). The UZA must also have a cooperative process (organizational and technical) to demonstrate air quality conformity; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan portion of the Michigan City, IN-MI UZA is a satellite of the SWMPC MPO's Benton Harbor/St. Joseph transportation planning area (known as TwinCATS study area) for purposes of achieving coordinated land use-transportation-air quality management planning in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, per 23 CFR 450.308 a metropolitan planning area boundary shall be established to service the area likely to become urbanized within the 20-year forecast period; and

WHEREAS, the existing regional transportation planning processes in both Indiana and Michigan are fully adequate to meet all of the Federal Planning requirements that may attach to the UZA.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED, that NIRPC is and remains responsible for metropolitan area transportation planning within its three-county planning area boundary, including all responsibilities of an MPO; and SWMPC assumes all the MPO responsibilities of the Michigan portion of the Michigan City, IN-MI UZA; and

FURTHERMORE, that NIRPC and SWMPC hereby agree to continue to actively coordinate planning and related public notification and involvement activities and development of products, including annual work programs, transportation plan, air quality related information, and transportation improvement programs for their respective planning jurisdictions (keeping an example list of coordination activities on file), thereby fully meeting the Federal planning requirements for both states and the MPO planning area boundaries; and

FURTHERMORE, this coordination will be achieved by periodic meetings of the regional planning agency Executive Directors, and subsequent interagency staff meetings as called for by the Executive Directors. In addition, each agency shall have a representative on the other agency's transportation committee; and

FURTHERMORE, that NIRPC and SWMPC hereby agree to provide notification to each other of any planning, project development and related activities that may have a significant bearing upon the outcome of land use and transportation system development in the UZA; and

FURTHERMORE, any conflicts that may arise between the MPOs will be resolved by the executive directors of the two agencies; in the event that conflicts remain unresolved, a temporary, four-member bi-state commission made up of two officers appointed by each of the chairs of the boards from both MPOs will resolve the conflict.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the hereto have caused this agreement to be executed by their proper officers and representatives.

James Ton
Chairman, Northwestern Indiana Regional
Planning Commission

Date



Barbara Cook
Chairman, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission



Date

Public Comment Report

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Nos. 18 & 19

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

April 13, 2016

Amendments 18 and 19 to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program were released for a 7-day public comment period which began on April 6, 2016 and ended April 12, 2016. The amendments were made available at www.nirpc.org and emailed to stakeholders.

No comments were received during the comment period.

RESOLUTION 16-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE
FY 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR
LAKE, PORTER, AND LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA
AMENDMENT NO. 18**

April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation stakeholder interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Fixing American Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act, 2015), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program by adding and/or modifying the highway project(s) as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twenty-first day of April, 2016.

James G. Ton
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Geof R. Benson
Secretary

2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana

Amendment #18 April 2016

New National Lakeshore Projects

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal		Funds			
				Funds	Phase	Total	Non-Federal		
NP_INDU_0014(1)	INDU	Safety Improvements to intersections along Lake-Porter County Line Rd.	Add New Phase	FLTP	PE	2019 \$	1,000,000 \$	1,000,000 \$	-
NP_INDU_0945(1)	INDU	Replace Douglas Center Pedestrian Bridge	Add New Phase	FLTP	CN	2019 \$	750,000 \$	750,000 \$	-

FLTP = Federal Lands Transportation Program.

New INDOT Projects

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal		Funds			
				Funds	Phase	Total	Non-Federal		
1600358	INDOT	US 20 Environmental Mitigation (from US 421 to US 35/SR 212)	Add New Phase	NHPP Non-Interstat ^e	CN	2017 \$	300,000 \$	240,000 \$	60,000
1600496	INDOT	Roadside Maintenance: Herbicide Treatment at Various Locations Within the LaPorte District	Add New Phase	NHPP Non-Interstat ^e	CN	2017 \$	200,000 \$	- \$	200,000

Length: 3.88 miles. Located in the City of Michigan City, Town of Trail Creek, and unincorporated LaPorte County.

1600481	INDOT	US 231 New Signal Installation: Intersection of US 231 at Fathke Rd, 2.8 mi E of US 41.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstat e	CE	2017 \$	12,000 \$	9,600 \$	2,400
			Add New Phase		CN	2017 \$	120,000 \$	96,000 \$	24,000

Located in unincorporated Lake County.

1383246	INDOT	US 20 HMA Overlay, Functional. From 1.99 mi. W of US 421 (Porter/LaPorte County Line) to US 421	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstat e	CE	2018 \$	2,574,000 \$	2,059,200 \$	514,800
			Add New Phase		CN	2018 \$	250,000 \$	200,000 \$	50,000

Located in the City of Michigan City.

RESOLUTION 16-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 19

April 21, 2016

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation stakeholder interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Fixing American Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act, 2015), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program by adding and/or modifying the transit project(s) as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twenty-first day of April, 2016.

James G. Ton
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Geof R. Benson
Secretary

Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2016-2019
Amendment No. 19, April 12, 2016 TRANSIT ONLY

ADD New Public Transit Projects

DES	Applicant	Project Name	County	Fund Type	Year	Total Cost	Federal Cost	Local Cost
1600585	NICTD	Mech. Shop PE	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 300,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 60,000
1600586	NICTD	Overhaul of Shop Locomotive	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000
1600587	NICTD	Passenger Counters	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 500,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000
1600588	NICTD	Acct. Software	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 500,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000
1600589	NICTD	Rolling Stock	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 625,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 125,000
1600590	NICTD	Mech. Shop Roof	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000
1600591	NICTD	Passenger Counters	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 500,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000
1600592	NICTD	Public Address Systems	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000
1600593	NICTD	Rolling Stock	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2018	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 400,000
1600594	NICTD	New Line and Signal Bldg.	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2018	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 400,000
1600595	NICTD	Repl. Lights for Shop Yards	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2018	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000
1600596	NICTD	Inward Facing Cameras	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2019	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 400,000
1600583	NICTD	Mech. Components	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2019	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 960,000	\$ 240,000
1600584	NICTD	Rolling Stock	Multiple	Sec. 5337	FY 2019	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 300,000
MODIFY Existing Projects								
1382932	NICTD	Increase Substation Improvs.	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 300,000
1382934	NICTD	Decrease Replace. Rail	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 719,900	\$ 575,920	\$ 143,980
1500462	NICTD	Increase Station Improvs.	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 3,350,000	\$ 2,680,000	\$ 670,000
1500463	NICTD	Increase Track Rebuild	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ 2,050,000	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 410,000
1382947	NICTD	Decrease Replace. Rail	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 700,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 140,000
1383056	NICTD	Increase Station Improvs.	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 700,000	\$ 560,000	\$ 140,000
1592141	NICTD	Decrease End-of-Life Rebuild for 1982-83 Cars	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 500,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 100,000
1592143	NICTD	Increase Track Improvs.	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2017	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 1,840,000	\$ 460,000

1592068	NICTD	Increase Bridge Repairs	La Porte	Sec. 5337	FY 2018	\$ 2,187,500	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 437,500
1592128	NICTD	Decrease Double Track Segment	Lake, Porter	Sec. 5337	FY 2019	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000
1592129	NICTD	Increase Station Improvs. At Miller and Ogden Dunes	Lake, Porter	Sec. 5337	FY 2019	\$ 6,769,523	\$ 5,415,618	\$ 1,353,905
DELETE Projects								
1500462	NICTD	Delete Double Track	Lake Porter	Sec. 5337	FY 2016	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1592071	NICTD	Delete Double Track	Lake Porter	Sec. 5337	FY 2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -